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Hongkong's Millstone
THERE is probably no greater long-term problem in this Colony than its population. The latest bulletin issued by the Family Planning Association predicts a four million population by 1967, assuring an annual natural increase of more than 80,000. Hongkong is finding the greatest difficulty trying to cope with its present 2½ millions. The position is admirably set out in the pamphlet entitled "A problem of people".

This shows that Hongkong's population increased four-fold from 600,000 in 1945 to its present figure. Its normal capacity is said to be 1,200,000 or less than half its present number. The difficulties of coping with today's population are frightening enough but the mind boggles at the nightmare of not just another million and a quarter mouths to feed but, in time, to accommodate, to school, and to employ.

At present there are about 300,000 squatters awaiting resettlement which it is estimated, will cost \$200 million. Most will be accommodated in the next six years by which time the natural increase alone will have added perhaps half a million to the Colony's population.

The question must be asked—is it possible to keep up with such fantastic growth? If the Economist can describe the relatively simple job of settling 300,000 squatters as "an apparently hopeless task" how does one describe the problem of catering for a rapidly increasing population in an arc of both strictly limited opportunities, size and resources?

Government apparently rules out any possibility of emigration of refugees either to China or Formosa. If Dr Hambro succeeds in persuading the United Nations that Hongkong requires financial assistance the problem of dealing with part of the present excess population may be made easier for a generation or two, but complete integration will never be achieved. In an exhibition of remarkable resourcefulness in recent years, community planners have shown that existing means can be "stretched" or so adapted to serve more than they were originally intended to but there are bounds to human inventiveness and planners cannot go on pulling rabbits from the hat.

HOW near is industrial development to saturation point or trade to its absolute limit. It is unreasonable to consider either so long as the going is good—and it is—but it is this preoccupation with the present that is so alarming. The future we feel is remote, and uncertain, and present problems are big enough without worrying about what is ahead.

It is not that our planners need foresight to predict the likely needs of our population 10 or 20 years hence, for even if they could they lack the means to provide for them all. Hongkong's problem is that it needs to bring about a reversal of the present trend of supply chasing after galling demands—not necessarily a drastic reversal—but it does need the assurance that the present trend can be reversed. One begins to search for remedies to curtail the growth of the population and a solution is proposed in re-education with the aim of voluntary restriction of families. But the problem does not end with married people and education can impress its lesson upon only the amenable few. It is a question rather of finding the answer to apparently irredeemable poverty that is breeding its kind in steadily deteriorating conditions—this is the millstone the community is shackled with.

NORWAY REPLIES TO RUSSIAN THREAT No Intention Of Leaving Atlantic Pact

Oslo, Apr. 15. Norway staunchly told Moscow today it will stay in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation despite Russian "obliteration" threats in the event of war.

Norwegian Prime Minister Einar Gerhardsen said his country and it alone will decide how to defend itself.

Gerhardsen was replying to a blunt letter from Nikolai Bulganin last month in which the Soviet Premier warned that Norway would be wiped off the face of the map "if its territory were used as atomic-missile bases against the Soviet Union." The Norwegian answer, actually delivered in Moscow on Saturday, was made public here tonight.

Gerhardsen said there are no foreign bases in Norway and none was planned for the time being.

SAFEGUARD MEMBERS

"Norway's constitutional bodies will, in the light of the existing international situation, decide whether our country is exposed to a threat of attack," he said.

Gerhardsen also told Bulganin that Norway had no intention of leaving NATO, the sole aim of which is to safeguard members against attack...to prevent war." He said Norway would never be a party in any aggressive scheme.

The letter included some pointed remarks on Russian stalling in matters affecting the two countries directly, like fishery, whaling and a border river project, and on Russian policy in Hungary.

Gerhardsen said the Norwegian Government considered the Hungarian revolt as the "uprising of a nation for its freedom and independence".

Russia's suppression of the revolt caused a spontaneous and rapid reaction among the Norwegian people and impeded a further development of the con-

REPLY WELCOMED IN WASHINGTON & PARIS

Washington, Apr. 15. American State Department officials today applauded the reply of Mr Einar Gerhardsen, the Norwegian Prime Minister, to a recent Soviet warning regarding the consequences of establishment of NATO atomic bases on Norwegian soil.

While the State Department spokesman declined to comment officially, sources here said that Gerhardsen's statement that Norway must be free to work out her own defence arrangements fitted in with the basic NATO concept of self-defence.

They also welcomed the statement calling on the Soviet Union to join a proposal seeking the registration of all nuclear tests with the United Nations. The whole tenor of the Prime Minister's reply was interpreted as a

Long Time Between Comets

Tokyo, Apr. 15. Japanese observatory officials said here tonight they were watching with interest the approach of the Arond-Roland comet as it had started to move toward the earth.

A spokesman for the National Observatory said astronomers had sighted the comet on the eastern horizon early this morning.

The comet was expected to remain in view until the end of the month.

5 DROWNED IN CAR Tragic Welcome

Oslo, Apr. 15. Three women and two small children who had just welcomed home two Norwegian whaling men from six months in the Antarctic, were drowned today when their car fell over the quay into the sea at Sandefjord, South Norway.

The two men escaped from the car before it went to the bottom, but the women and children were dead when brought up 20 minutes later by frogmen.

Those drowned were the fiancee, sister and sister-in-law of one of the whalers, and the sister-in-law's two children, a year-old baby and three-year-old girl.

The accident occurred when the car, driven by one of the women, was being turned on the quay crowded with relatives meeting the whalers.

Demonstration In Cairo

Cairo, Apr. 15. Several hundred Jordanian students shouting slogans against King Hussein demonstrated here today.

They forced their way into the Jordan Embassy and refused to leave.

The students, who shouted "Long live the Jordanian people" and "Jordan is our country", made on the Egyptian president.

The Jordanian Ambassador, Mr Fawzi el Muqdad, told them in a speech: "The liberation policy belongs to the country, not to one man."

The students asked the Ambassador to resign. Reuter.

Eden Shows Courage

London, Apr. 15. Sir Anthony Eden had shown "immense courage in his fourth major abdominal operation," his personal physician, Sir Horace Evans said tonight.

Speaking at the tenth annual dinner of the "Saints and Sinners" Club in London, Sir Horace spoke of his flight to Boston for the latest operation on the former Prime Minister.

"All has gone well so far and he is showing his usual indomitable spirit," Sir Horace said.

He said that "that is a good example, for more of the Eisenhower doctrine." — France Presse.

He said the Soviet Union intended to develop its relations with all the Socialist camp countries, and that this was necessary, owing to the existence of capitalist camp.

He declined to meet the press.

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Other members of the government will include Badman Shabani, Director of Jordan National Bank, who is believed in line for Minister of Economy and Finance; Amin Muja, a former lawyer of Jerusalem; and Mufti Abd el Hadi.

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POLITICAL COMPROMISE REACHED IN JORDAN

A supporter of King Hussein formed a new cabinet today but it included ousted leftist Premier Suleiman Nabulsi.

Palestinian Hussein Khalidi, a former Arab Minister and supporter of the pro-Western King, formed a new list of ministers, all of whom were independents except Nabulsi.

The inclusion of Nabulsi in the Government, showed that a political "compromise" had been reached in an attempt to end this tiny Arab kingdom's five-day government crisis.

The new government also will include former Premier Fawzi el Muqdad, now Ambassador to Cairo.

Khalidi evaded answering questions when approached by United Press.

Cannot Say

Asked whether he would invite the James Richards mission to Jordan, he answered: "I cannot say anything yet."

Richard is touring the Middle East explaining the Eisenhower doctrine.

Khalidi also declined to explain what would be his policy towards communism. But he pointed out that as Premier he was a servant of the King.

King Hussein recently warned of the dangers of communism cloaked under the guise of Arab nationalism.

A government spokesman meanwhile said: "The whole situation has returned to normal since the formation of the Cabinet." Khalidi and his ministers left to see the King to take their oaths of office and a Royal decree was expected shortly.

Not Clear

This situation, in which King Hussein had returned to gain control of the Jordanian army during the political crisis was still not clear.

There had been reports abroad that Army Chief of Staff Ali Abu Nuwar had been deported by the King, but today a government spokesman said that Ali Abu Nuwar was still in Amman and that there was no reason to suppose he is other than still Chief of Staff.

However, according to Reuter, Nuwar arrived in Damascus last night.

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NO DECISION ON SUEZ ISSUE

New York, Apr. 15.

British sources said today that a firm decision still had not been made on calling the United Nations Security Council into session on the Suez Canal issue.

Britain, France and the United States were reported at the weekend to have agreed on this course, but the sources said that "liming strategy" had not been worked out.

Sir Pierson Dixon, British permanent representative, is president of the Council this month under the rotation system.

United Nations sources said today that Egypt had made no formal transmission to Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, of any amended plan for operating the canal, as some recent reports stated.

Mr Omar Louis, Egyptian permanent representative, has called on Mr Hammarskjold several times in the last week or so, but the sources said he had not submitted a new plan.

Border Open

He said the Jordan borders had been open during the past six days "and not closed for one moment."

Civil aviation resumed this morning and all communications were reported normal. — United Press and Reuter.

Paris Metro Strike Threat

Paris, Apr. 16.

A strike of Paris Metro (underground-subway) and bus workers was threatened today simultaneously with a nationwide railway strike set for Wednesday and Thursday.

The 48-hour strike called by three rail unions for an 11 per cent wage increase was expected to tie up travel all over the country, and foreign tourists in France for the Easter holiday period were warned they might be stranded if they travelled during this period.

Seamen's unions also called a strike for the same time on all of France's inland waterways. — France Presse.

UK BUDGET APPROVED

London, Apr. 16.

The House of Commons tonight approved the British Government's budget proposal for the fiscal year 1957-58 by 317 votes to 252—a government majority of 65.

Labour opposition forced a vote on a purely procedural motion, as a mark of its disapproval, that among other things concessions were being made to the wealthy and not to the poor.

The motion asked for approval to bring in a finance bill which will put the budget proposals into legal form. — Reuter.

NO PROBE INTO ADAMS CASE

London, Apr. 16.

The Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, said today he wished to re-pudiate "malicious rumours" that the prosecution against Dr John Baskin, Adams was launched against the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the Chief Constable of Eastbourne.

Replies to questions in the House of Commons, he said:

"There has been no disagreement between the Director of Public Prosecutions and myself as to the course which should be pursued in this case."

Dr Adams, 58, was found guilty and acquitted at the Old Bailey, London, on April 9 on a charge of murdering one of his patients, Mrs Edith Alice Merton, aged 81.

The Attorney-General replied: "No, sir, when asked if he would institute an independent inquiry into the preparation, organisation and conduct of the prosecution's case against Dr Adams, excepting the proceedings in court, China Mail Special."

Paris, Apr. 15.

Two people were killed and 12 others wounded when groups of North Africans opened fire with submachine guns on two cafes frequented by North Africans in Paris tonight.

All the wounded people were taken to hospital for treatment. — Reuter.

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LABOUR TO MOVE VOTE OF CENSURE

REVIVAL OF KU KLUX-KLAN IN AMERICA

New York, Apr. 15. The Ku Klux-Klan, a racial organization, is having its most vigorous revival in the southern states since 1920, the magazine "Look" reported in its current issue.

The magazine said the Klan is helped by the indulgence displayed toward the organization by the local authorities in the south.

More than 100,000 persons have joined the organization since 1954, when the Supreme Court declared racial segregation in schools to be illegal, the "Look" said.

The principal "Klans" those of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama, receive more than \$1,000,000 in dues from their members, the magazine said. — France Presse.

THREE MISSING

EMPTY BOAT FOUND

Washington, Apr. 15. Search planes operating out of Iceland have found the open longboat in which three Russian seamen disappeared in the Denmark Straits 13 days ago, the Navy announced tonight.

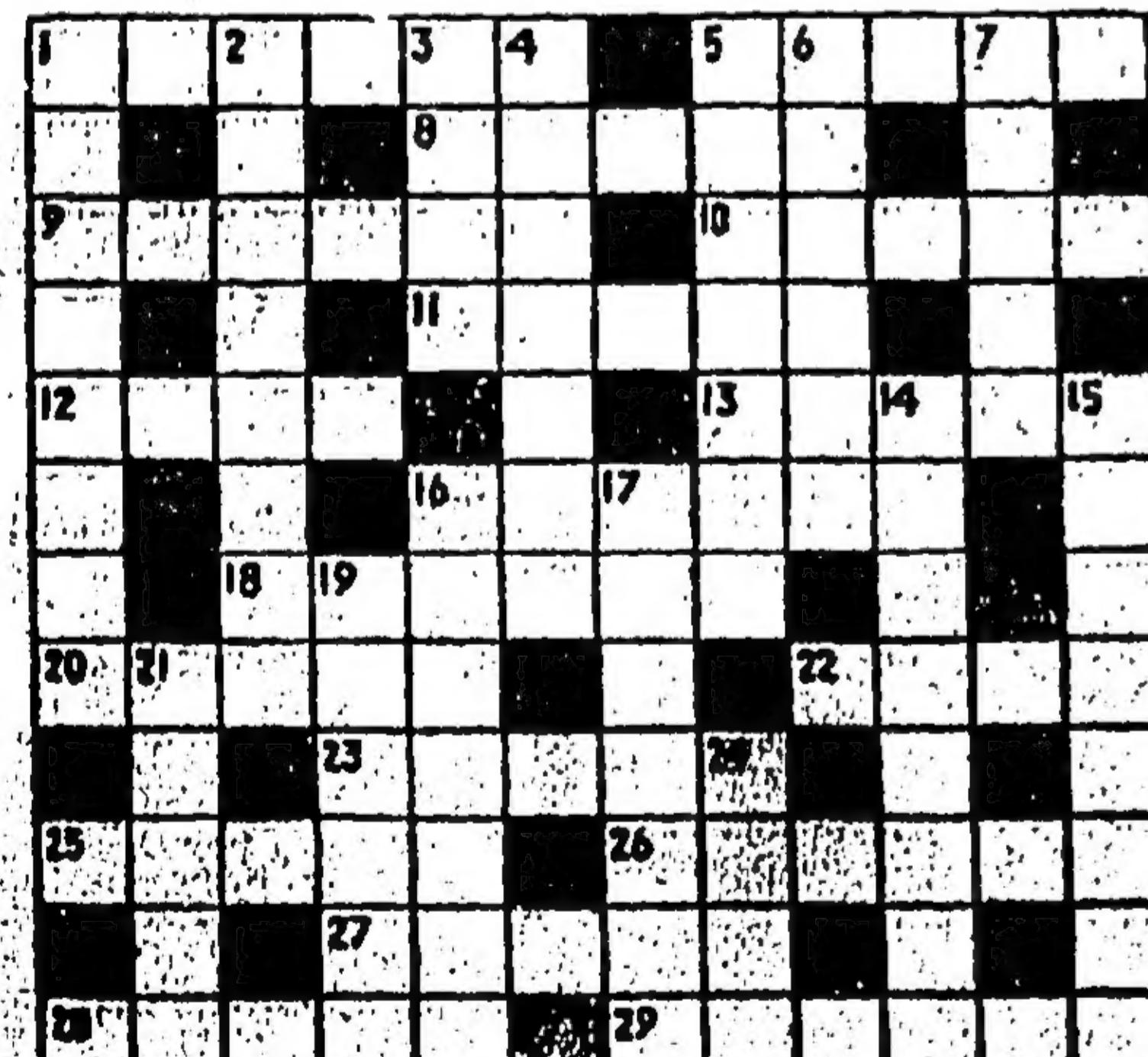
It said the boat was "in damaged condition" but that the search for the three occupants was continuing on the chance that they may be alive in ice floes in the North Atlantic area. The longboat was found by a naval patrol plane assigned to the Icelandic defense force, which is co-operation in the search with the Icelandic Lifesaving Association and the Icelandic Coast Guard.

APPRECIATION

The Navy said the Soviet Embassy in Reykjavik had been informed of American participation in the search and that an Embassy spokesman had "expressed appreciation."

The State Department disclosed on Saturday that US naval patrol planes had been ordered to co-operate in the search for the Russian seamen, who were crew members of the Soviet sealer *Tsaristobol*. They had been sent out in the motorised longboat to collect "stolen animals" when they disappeared on April 2. Sergei Strigov, Soviet Embassy counsellor here, requested US help in the search. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Full-grown (6).
2 Deadly snake (5).
3 Peculiarity of language (6).
4 Mischievous (6).
5 Tend (6).
6 Danger (6).
7 Tie up and fog (4).
8 Conditions (6).
9 Distant (6).
10 Awkward problem (6).
11 Aroma (6).
12 Stuff (4).
13 Checks (6).
14 Carp (6).
15 Make enter-eccent (6).
16 Spiff (6).
17 Intendo (5).
18 Clear a channel (6).

BROWN
1 Bold (6).
2 Contrary (6).
3 Speaks imperfectly (4).
4 Sticks to (7).
5 Lizard at school? (7).
6 Lucky charm (7).
7 Broom (6).
8 Towards the back (6).
9 Wild flight (6).
10 Ebles' toy (7).
11 Febulic female (7).
12 Flag (6).
13 Purpud (6).
14 Scothreyer (4).

MONDAY CROSSWORD — Across: 1. Bishun, 3. Acute, 5. Omen, 9. Repale, 11. Incur, 12. Evert, 14. Pile, 16. Eased, 18. Abode, 19. Tide, 20. Sennet, 22. Niche, 23. August, 26. Nod, 27. Rite, 28. Edging, 29. Densu, 31. Bart, 32. Haze, 34. Amore, 35. Rite, 36. Decline, 37. Botters, 38. Acid, 39. Mather, 40. Polite, 41. Lame, 42. Decline, 43. Lame, 44. Lame, 45. Lame, 46. Lame, 47. Lame, 48. Lame, 49. Lame, 50. Lame, 51. Lame, 52. Lame, 53. Lame, 54. Lame, 55. Lame, 56. Lame, 57. Lame, 58. Lame, 59. Lame, 60. Lame, 61. Lame, 62. Lame, 63. Lame, 64. Lame, 65. Lame, 66. Lame, 67. Lame, 68. Lame, 69. Lame, 70. Lame, 71. Lame, 72. Lame, 73. Lame, 74. Lame, 75. Lame, 76. Lame, 77. Lame, 78. Lame, 79. Lame, 80. Lame, 81. Lame, 82. Lame, 83. Lame, 84. Lame, 85. Lame, 86. Lame, 87. Lame, 88. Lame, 89. Lame, 90. Lame, 91. Lame, 92. Lame, 93. Lame, 94. Lame, 95. Lame, 96. Lame, 97. Lame, 98. Lame, 99. Lame, 100. Lame.

Socialists Demand Govt Should Postpone N-Tests

By FRASER WIGHTON

London, Apr. 15. The British Labour Opposition in Parliament will tomorrow move a vote of censure against the government's defence policy, which, it claims, depends too much on the ultimate deterrent of nuclear weapons.

Socialists are demanding that the Conservative Government should temporarily postpone Britain's proposed nuclear tests at Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean pending moves for agreement among the nuclear powers to abolish tests.

The two-day defence debate involves the first all-out split between the two main parties over the nation's defence effort — which Labour, when in power in 1950, launched on its present scale of between £1,400 million and £1,500 million a year.

Government defence policy for the year 1952-53 was announced recently in an official report, and gave details of the reshaping of defence by Britain's economic difficulties in the wake of the Suez crisis.

Reduction

It involves a reduction of manpower on the ground, counter-balanced by greater efficiency through the use of guided missiles.

Labour has taken the unusual course of rejecting the policy as a whole.

Its censure motion, to be voted on Wednesday evening, "declines to approve the government's outline of future defence policy."

The motion claims that despite a waste of money and resources in the past five years, "due to repeated government vacillation," the policy still lacks the first decisions essential.

"It further regrets the undue dependence on the ultimate deterrent on which the policy appears to be based," the resolution states.

Real Solution

It adds: "Recognising that international disarmament is the only real solution to the problem of defence, and conscious of the dangers to humanity of the continuation of nuclear explosions, the Labour Party calls on the government to take an immediate initiative in putting forward effective proposals for the abolition of H-bomb tests through international agreement."

The Labour Party has only recently agreed a common line on H-bomb policy, on which its Members of Parliament have been much divided.

Croatian Students Tried

Zagreb, Apr. 15. Eleven students have been tried in Zagreb on charges of "Croatian Nationalism," and of trying to set up a Croat "resistance movement" inside Yugoslavia, authoritative sources reported today.

Sources said about 30 students were arrested as far back as last autumn, and one trial was held in secret about two months ago.

The sentences passed were not known but it was believed that they were not severe. Further trials were believed to be either in progress or expected.

The students were said to have belonged chiefly to the medical faculty of Zagreb University.

The main charge against them was believed to be conspiracy. There were also suggestions that they had fallen under western influences while studying abroad, sources said.

BRIEF REPORT

The only published reference to the case was a brief report in the latest issue of the newspaper of the Zagreb University Student's Union "Studenti List," which disclosed that a trial of eleven students had taken place in Zagreb at an unspecified time.

Observers said the trial underlined existing problems of nationalistic feeling in Yugoslavia, which is a federation of Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Montenegrins, Macedonians and Bosnians.

Zagreb is the capital of the Croatian Republic and is one of Yugoslavia's most western-type cities, and students and professors at the university are regarded as generally having western ideas. — Reuter.

Indonesians Visiting China

Tokyo, Apr. 15. The Communist New China News Agency reported today that an Indonesian military delegation will visit China early next month.

Quoting a dispatch from Dikirka, the NCNA broadcast said the delegation will be led by Indonesian Deputy Army Chief of Staff Suburto.

The broadcast did not mention the purpose of the visit.



Picture taken of Dr John Adams after his acquittal. — Express Photo.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PRE-TRIAL PUBLICITY

London, Apr. 15. Home Secretary R. A. Butler told the House of Commons today a special committee would investigate the question of pre-trial hearings in British courts.

His statement came in reply to opposition Labour Party demands to know if legislation would be introduced to limit or prohibit the reporting of such pre-trial hearings in the press.

These demands arose from the recent case of Dr John Bodkin Adams, wealthy Eastbourne physician accused of murdering a patient for profit.

Adams was acquitted by a jury, but members of parliament had charged that pre-trial publicity of the preliminary hearing

in Eastbourne had prejudiced the case against him.

Shortly before Butler made his announcement, Attorney-General Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller turned down another demand in Commons for an independent inquiry into the preparation, organisation and conduct of the Crown case against Adams. — United Press.

SECURITY RELAXED IN CYPRUS

Nicosia, Apr. 15. British military authorities today relaxed stringent security measures aimed at protecting British troops and their families from Cypriot extremist attacks.

The measure was another step towards the return to normal conditions on Cyprus, following the release of Archbishop Makarios from his internment in the Seychelles Islands.

British soldiers wearing civilian clothes were again seen strolling through the markets and shopping streets of the walled Greek quarters of Nicosia and other main towns, formerly off limits to them.

Families were picnicking on out-of-town beaches. Under the emergency measures, soldiers and their families had been confined to guarded bases.

The order to let down all shutters at night time as a precaution against bombing also was rescinded. — United Press.

GIRLS SELL A COUNTRY, NOT POLITICIANS

Adelaide, Apr. 15. Pretty girls have more appeal abroad than Australian politicians, according to Miss June Mulay, the 22-year-old Miss Australia for 1956, just back from a seven-country tour including Britain and America.

"People like me will give Australia more publicity than politicians," she said today.

"People in other countries will listen to a girl rather than to a politician." — China Mail Special.

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US Proposal Supported By Britain

London, Apr. 15. Commander Alan Noble, of Britain, supported the latest United States plan for nuclear disarmament at today's meeting here of the Five-Power United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee, a Western conference source said.

The plan, put forward last week by the American delegate, Mr. Harold Stassen, provides for the establishment of an international control system next spring. It would ensure that the world's nuclear powers switched their production from military to peaceful purposes.

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REBEL LEADERS IN ALGERIA CHANGE OUTLOOK: MOLLET

Paris, Apr. 15. French Premier M. Guy Mollet said tonight, in a radio broadcast, that a profound change of outlook has taken place among the leaders of the rebellion in Algeria within the last year.

M. Mollet said that a year ago "the leaders of the rebellion were convinced that in the more or less near future they could drive the Europeans out of Algeria."

"They were talking about a new Dien Bien Phu. Today, they have completely given up this view and they realise that there will be no military solution for them in Algeria."

He recalled the two setbacks suffered by the rebel movement in recent months:

First, the fact that the United Nations showed understanding of France's position in Algeria, and second that the Algerian general strike, called to coincide with the United Nations session on Algeria, was a failure.

At various service stores medals await application by about 15,000 ex-Navy, 450,000 ex-Army, and 175,000 ex-RAAF.

Some ex-mechanic navy men and airline pilots with service in war zones are also entitled to medals they have not sought.

With an average of more than three awards due to them, there are still nearly 700,000 medals to be claimed by Second World War men. — China Mail Special.

Jap Ferry Salvaged: Many Missing

Proposals Open

He said that French proposals for a coast-line remained open, and that when peace returned, elections would be organised.

Referring to the new French commission to investigate alleged atrocities in Algeria, M. Mollet said, "Some 700,000 men have gone into Algeria. If some individuals have committed excesses demanding that they should be punished, but do not accept the 700,000 of you who could be torturers, that is unfair to them and to all of France."

He said the French government wished to know the truth.

The commission would not only investigate completely, in order to punish anyone at fault, but would question all accused to see whether they were making charges without proof, or in a responsible manner. — France Presse.

Police and search headquarters kept revising the figures on the number of missing and survivors. They explained that their first figure of 218 passengers aboard the ferry when it hit the shoal was based on the number of tickets sold. Actually there were several others, including children, who boarded the ferry without tickets.

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'twas India that invented Metric Money

THE man in a swaddling cloth, sitting cross-legged among puffed-up nuts and spices in the bazaar and the man in city clothes standing behind the hotel desks are counting on their fingers this week.

Reason for these mental gyrations—The coinage has been changed from the annas and pice to puzzling to foreigners to what any other country but India would call cents.

Here they have the unwieldy name of rupee, paise, which means "new money."

There are, of course, 100 rupees to the rupee (1/6d). In shops and stores Indians are arguing over conversion tables cut from news-

paper, because charged for postage stamps and newspapers are new in the new currency although the old rupees and pice will still be used for months before the shiny new coin, are in full circulation.

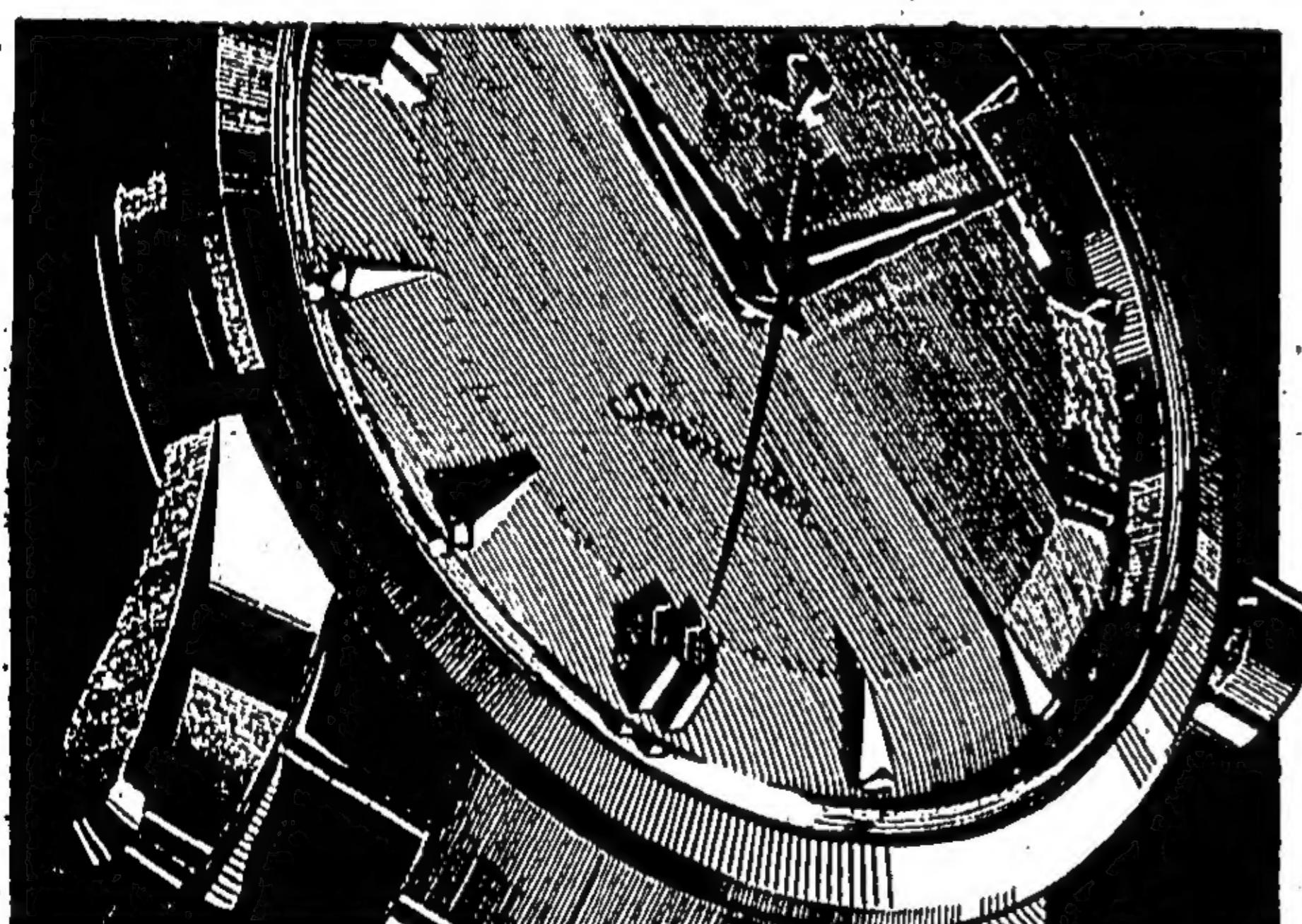
Sad Premier Nehru, introducing the new coinage: "We are not adopting anything alien, India gave the world long ago the great discovery of zero and numerals and, later, the beginning of what became known as the metric system saw the light because of Indian genius. So we go back to our own."

Meanwhile, finger-counting and head-scratching goes on.

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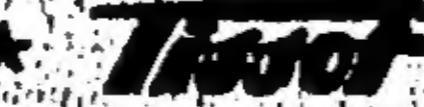
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Madman Alone

HITLER'S Deputy Rudolf Hess has been in prison ever since his dramatic bid to end the war in 1941. Alone in a cell, in a prison for 550—his guard, between 100 and 180 soldiers.

Aged, haggard Rudolf Hess probably is the only German alive today who still openly acknowledges the leadership of Adolf Hitler.

In his cell at four-power Spandau prison, Hess harbours himself on the glories of the dead Fuehrer and his own role as Hitler's deputy.

Sometimes, carried away by emotion, he sings the Horst Wessel song and attempts to goose-step in a cell 10 feet long and 6 feet wide.

He has been a prisoner since May, 1941, when he made his mysterious flight to Scotland without Hitler's knowledge to give Britain peace terms.

Now 62, he will end his days in prison or in a madhouse.

The four-power Nuremberg military tribunal sentenced him to life for crimes against world peace and planning and starting a war of aggression.

Hess has aged far beyond his years. His features are haggard, and

most untidy, although once he took pride in his cabbage.

Some think Hess is insane, but most observers at Spandau think he probably only is eccentric.

Except for his Nazi outbursts and occasional shouts of

guard ranges from about 100 soldiers when the Americans had the rotating prison guardship, to some 180 when the Soviets have the chair. The United States, British, French and Soviets take turns providing the guard.

The Soviets have put out orders on closing down the prison, and putting Hess in a hospital and the others in another goal.

But such a step does not appear to be imminent.

In the prison along with Hess are Nazi youth leader Baldur von Schirach, who is serving a 20-year term; munitions boss Albert Speer, 20 years; and Finance Minister Walther Funk, life.

Admiral Karl Donitz was released last year after serving a 10-year term. Earlier, Admiral Erich Raeder and Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath were released because of age and poor health.

"Hell Hitler," Hess slams little to anyone. He appears to live in a world of his own.

He steadfastly refuses to attend religious services—in a cell converted into a chapel—and he does not allow his family to visit him.

Of the seven top Nazis sentenced to serve their terms in Spandau in 1946, only four are left. Once he worked regularly in the prison laundry, but now the four-power guards can get him to do little work.

Of all the garden patches in the prison courtyard, his is the

They are all alone in a prison built for 550 prisoners, their

and poor health.

Part eight of our serial NO FLOWERS BY REQUEST

And there stood Murder

★ TAKING a job as cook-housekeeper, Widow Morton finds herself caught up in a mystery. Invalid Mrs Carrington, wife of the widow's employer, dies from poisoning. Fear and suspicion fill the old rectory. NOW read on.



By Anthony Gilbert

I TRIED to sort things out in my mind. After Phillipa came down from her aunt's room we had stayed in the kitchen—oh, quite twenty minutes—talking before we went upstairs. She had been in a state of considerable distress, and what could you make of that?

Of course, she might simply be afraid her aunt was dying and be recalling that other occasion when someone else close to her had died of poison. Her husband—had she hated him? And if so why? In any case it was unnatural. A young man doesn't commit suicide unless there's something badly wrong, and I wondered how much she knew that she'd never chosen to tell.

Or had she deliberately kept me down there, knowing more about the effects of digitalin than I? Well, it seemed that the choice now was between Phillipa Deane and some other member of the household who had come back by stealth, propped up the sick woman and got away unnoticed. It would be so easy. The kitchen was shut off from the rest of the house and if Phillipa and I had been talking we should bear nothing.

The case against Marcus had already been put to me by Mrs Hutchinson. Of course, it was supposed that he wanted to be free—why? To marry someone else? Or just because he was sick of carrying that unpleasant woman round his neck.

I passed on to Trent. I did not quite see where he fitted into the household. He was partially incapacitated, but he managed to get about pretty well; he had, I supposed, a disability, pension, and possibly some money of his own as he didn't have to look for a job.

Well, then, if his reasons weren't financial, and there was no reason to suppose they were, why was he here?

The only answer I could discover was Phillipa Deane. As to why she was here, I imagined it was because she was afraid of her story following her round; whereas here it was known.

But even if Trent was in love with Phillipa, how would he help him poison Eleanor Carrington?

And then I saw it. Suppose Marcus was arrested and found guilty—who would inherit his money?

The obvious answer seemed to be Trent, his nephew. Well, Trent had such a long chance! But really it wasn't so long.

Marcus didn't get arrested. Trent was no worse off. And very likely he couldn't afford to marry at the present time.

I threw my pencil down.

Embittered

Really, I knew too little about everyone. I didn't know what money Phillipa had or where it came from; I didn't know where Joy Barnslow fitted in. But whether Dr Grayling was in love with Phillipa or not I was dead sure Trent was.

I remembered the day I found them together, and her cry of anguish: "I couldn't stand it again!" Of course, there was always the chance that Phillipa herself would be accused, and her past would stand her in pretty poor stead. Would Trent think of that?

Ah, but I'd always heard that murderers were men (and women) of one idea. They didn't look ahead. If he resolved to poison Mrs Carrington with the intention of getting Marcus hanged, he wouldn't see more than an obstacle being removed from his path. And to an embittered man, his nephew, his experience would be a life—or even two—seen particularly important?

He had so little—health gone—the only thing left to him in the maelstrom of post-war existence was this beautiful woman he so patently loved. I even began to wonder if he could have told us more about the late Mr Deane's death than had ever come to light.

The Suspects

I don't know how I got through that lunch. Afterwards I pleaded a headache and, as Phillipa actually offered to do the household shopping for me, as soon as they had all gone off about their lawful occasions was able to settle down very comfortably in the sitting-room with a pencil and paper and begin to work out a case against each member of the household.

The case against Marcus had already been put to me by Mrs Hutchinson. Of course, it was supposed that he wanted to be free—why? To marry someone else? Or just because he was sick of carrying that unpleasant woman round his neck.

But that was wasting time. It wasn't that death we were concerned about now. I moved on to the case against Phillipa. This was the strongest of all—except for Joy. Why should she want to poison Mrs Carrington?

I left that and thought about Joy. She had the most chance of getting the digitalin because she was always working just where it grew, she could pick it without anyone noticing, and supposing you had to distill it—

I really am a child where violent crime is concerned—she could use the little stove in the potting-shed—there was an oil stove I'd noticed the day I found her there with Trent.

But that brought me up against another possibility. The stove in the potting-shed. Joy had found out at last how the murderer had been committed.

When a knock sounded at my door I nearly jumped out of my skin.

"Come in," I said in a voice that didn't sound like my own. The door opened slowly and there, if my eyes was right, stood Marcus on the threshold.

"TOMORROW—the fifth anniversary," began the face.

"It's the fifth anniversary," he said. "I'm going to be married again."

"I'm going to be married again," he said.

ORIOLES BEAT SENATORS 7-6

President Eisenhower
Munches Peanuts, Cheers,
Sees Washington Lose

President Eisenhower threw out two ceremonial "first" balls today and then watched in disappointment as the Baltimore Orioles scored a 7-6 victory over the Washington Senators in a tense 11-inning season opener.

The President and a disappointingly small opening day crowd of 23,872 sat through three hours and 17 minutes of sometimes thrilling, sometimes rugged baseball on this sunny but chilly day.

Eisenhower was the only starting "pitcher" who was still around at the end of the marathon battle between the two 100 to 1 shots in the American League Pennant race.

Baltimore used four pitchers and the victory finally went to a Brooklyn Dodgers cast-off, Billy Loes—who clinched the triumph with the help of an 11-inning lead-off double by

an ex-Dodger teammate, Dick Williams.

Williams brought home the winning run on a fly to centre by rookie Carl Powell after being moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Al Pilatnick.

Washington started Bob Chakales, a relief pitcher who was seeking his first complete game since 1953. He gave way after seven innings to Camilo Pascual who was charged with the loss.

President Eisenhower, munching peanuts and keeping his own score card, sat through to the end in the full hope that the home team would pull this out for him. But it was not to be.

A CHORE
Keeping a scorecard was something of a chore today for Baltimore manager Paul Richards used 18 players—switching them around to boot—and Chuck Dresser, of Washington, fielded 13 players in his vain effort to win this one for the President.

President Eisenhower stood and cheered lustily in the fourth inning when the Senators overcame a 20 deficit and exploded for five runs, two of them on a long triple by Chakales. The outburst sent Baltimore starter Hector (Satin) Brown to the showers, and brought in Mike Fornieles.

But Washington's 5-2 margin was wiped out single-handedly by big dugout Triandos. The Baltimore catcher put the Orioles back into the ball game in the fifth when he unloaded a two-run single. Then he put them in front temporarily, 6-5, when he boomed a 400-foot homer into the left centre field bleachers behind Bob Nieman's triple in the seventh.

President Eisenhower watched dejectedly as Triandos circled the bases. But in the home half of the eighth he was on his feet cheering when catcher Clint Courtney blasted a ground-rule double into the centre-field bullpen to score Eddie Yost, who had opened the inning with a walk.

CHEERING AGAIN
He was up cheering again in the top of the ninth, when Baltimore's Pilatnick—his spikes riding high—came rearing into home with the potential winning run only to be thrown out on a great play by Eddie Yost and Courtney. Yost fielded a hard smash off Triandos' inst and fired the ball to Courtney who stood his ground and tagged out Pilatnick.

TODAY
Hockey
Ladies' International: Final: England v Portugal at Stockton, 6 p.m.
Men's International: Portugal v France at Revere, 8.30 p.m.
Schoolboys' Interport: Hong Kong v Taiwan at Caroline Hill 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

Hockey
Men's Hockey League: Army "A" v Navy at Stockton, 6.30 p.m.
Athletic
RAF Annual Athletic Championships at Kai Tak, 5 p.m.
HK Lawn Tennis League Entries close.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Record-Breaking Season
For Lewis Jones

A Wembley appearance in the Rugby League Cup final on May 11, plus selection for the Great Britain World Cup party to visit Australia during the summer, completes a wonderful record-breaking season for Lewis Jones, ex-Wales Rugby Union star now with Leeds Rugby League Club.

Jones has already set up a new scoring record for Leeds this season. He needs only 14 more points to pass Jim Sullivan's biggest-ever total of 430 points in a Rugby League season. He has kicked 102 goals and scored 31 tries.

RETIRING
Vernon Ransford, who played 20 Test matches for Australia, is retiring from the secretaryship of the Melbourne Cricket Club. At 72 he is a sprightly built, grey-haired man, whose quiet courtesy has always made visitors at home. Lately his health has not been good. Ransford was in England with M.A. Noble's team of 1959 and won the Test Match at

Lord's with an innings of 143 not out.

Frank Coulas will referee the FA Cup Final between Manchester United and Aston Villa at Wembley on May 4. But if the League hadn't changed a rule last summer, Mr Coulas would not be there. He is over the Football League's limit of 47. He was retired at the end of last season but came back when granted a year's extension.

Low, Hord, Lawn Tennis

Champion of Italy, France, Germany and Wimbledon leaves Australia by air on April 16 for his assault on further

trophies. He will compete in Naples, then move on to Britain for the British Hard Courts Championships. There, he will be joined by his tennis wife, Jennifer.

Tom Flinney is England's Footballer of the Year—for the second time. He is the first man to win the Football Writers' Association trophy twice. Tom, who won his 64th international when he led England's attack against Scotland recently—is the man who switched from outside right to centre-forward and boosted Preston from near the foot of the First Division table to Championship challengers.

—London Express Service.

THE GAMBOLES

GEORGE, A MAN'S JUST CALLED TO SAY YOU'VE WON A FORTUNE IN THE POOLS!

WONDERFUL

ALL TELL THE BOSS WHAT I THINK OF HIM—THROW UP MY JOB

BY BARRY ADAMS

HAVE A DRINK OR TWO WITH THE BOYS AND THEN COME HOME!

GEORGE, OPERATOR, OPERATOR, OH DEAR,

GEORGE, WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF, OPERATOR, OPERATOR, OH GOLLY!

Smart People

JOHN SALK: IT WAS ALWAYS HIS AMBITION TO PLAY FOR A WORLD-CLASS CLUB IN THE FIRST DIVISION. BUT HE WAS QUITE PLEASED TO FIND HIS TEAM, THE YORKSHIRE, HAD MADE IT

TO THE EDITOR, CHINA MAIL,

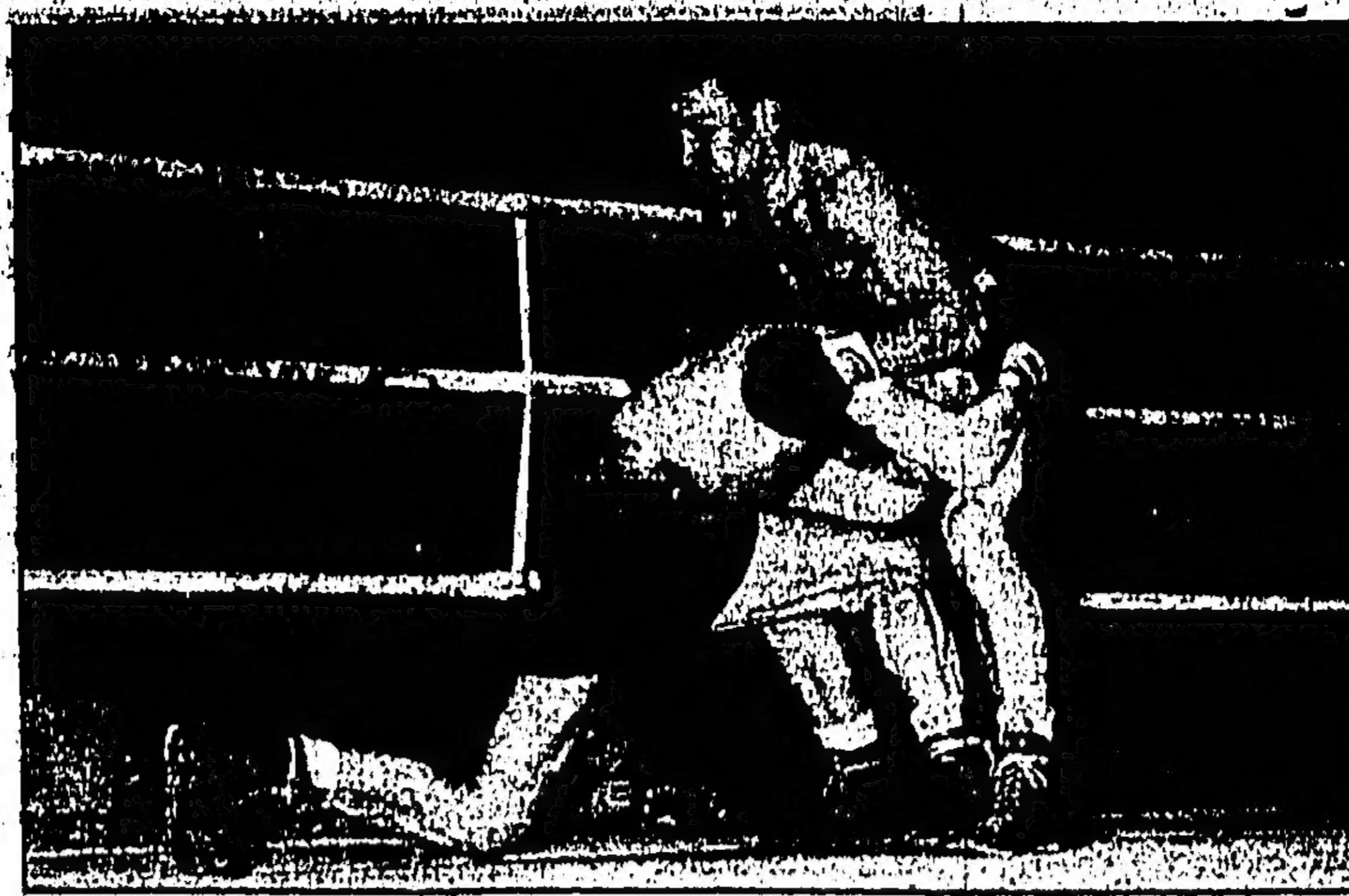
MY NOMINATION FOR HONGKONG'S FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HIS PLAYING ABILITY AND HIS SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE FIELD OF PLAY IS

OF THE

CLUB.

(Signed)

Boxing, Not Wrestling



This may look like a wrestling match, but it isn't. This picture was snapped at the British Lightweight Championship fight between Joe Lucy (the holder) and Dave Charnley of Darfield at Huddersfield on April 9. Charnley was the winner on points.

Home Rugger

Results

London, Apr. 15.
Results of Rugby Union matches played today were as follows:

Bridgewater and Albion 10, Beddys Williams XV 21.

Halifax 3, Swindon 3.

Llanelli 27, Gareth Griffiths XV 9.

Penryn 6, Macclesfield 18.

Redruth 3, Bristol 11.

Torquay 3, Bridgend 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Results of Rugby League matches played tonight were:

Barrow 11, St. Helens 8.

Bradford Northern 7, Huddersfield 26.

Hunslet 30, Doncaster 0.

Oldham 38, Swinton 13.

Wigan 26, Leigh 9.

Inter Club Championships

Halifax 33, Carcassonne (France) 10.

Hull 19, Albi (France) 19.

Reuter.



From the same fight. Again it looks more like wrestling. Here Lucy, facing camera, resists a flying assault from Charnley in Round 5.—Central Press Photos.

The Scottish League Standard Has Dropped Since The War Says ARCHIE QUICK

The standard of Scottish League football has dropped since the war and has never reached pre-war levels. That is the opinion of officials of "average" First Division clubs like Glasgow's Celtic and Partick Thistle.

Mr Tommy Reid, Thistle director and Hon. Treasurer of the Scottish Football Association, holds the view that the play of the "big" clubs—Rangers, Celtic, Hearts, Hibs, Aberdeen etc.—has fallen considerably in the last three seasons and even at that time three years ago it was never as good as in 1939 and before.

"The play of our recent International sides is a yard stick," he says. "The skill is lower and there is an absence of big personalities. I am afraid that our leading players who are part-timers are distracted by lucrative incomes from other sources. They do not seem to realize that it is football that has made possible those other sources being opened up to them."

Celtic's official Mr. John Allison said some of the players he "capped" today would not have been considered in 1939. "But that does not apply to Scotland only," he added. "It goes for the other Home countries, too."

John Charles, the mighty Welsh giant, told me he wished Great Britain would combine for the World Cup. We could pick eleven players from the four countries to beat the lot, he said.

This would be a sound idea, but it should not be done piecemeal. Add England—or rather, Manchester United—rousters to a choice from Chelsea, Arsenal, Huddersfield, Tottenham, and Birmingham, and what a side it would be!

By John Salk: It was always his ambition to play for a world-class club in the First Division. But he was quite pleased to find his team, the Yorkshire, had made it

American AAU 'Interested' In Soviet Invitation

New York, Apr. 15.
Mr. Dan Ferris, Secretary of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union, said today that the AAU was "interested" in a Soviet invitation for American athletes to compete in Moscow in July.

Mr. Ferris told Reuter that an invitation had been received from Soviet officials and he was now awaiting a letter giving full details of the invitation.

He said that the membership of the AAU's Foreign Relations Committee would be asked to vote on whether to accept the invitation.

The next meeting of the Committee is not being held until June, Mr. Ferris added, and the vote would therefore have to be taken by mail.

SOME DIVISION

Mr. Ferris declared, "There's some division of feeling in the matter, but that will all come out."

He said that the Americans who would go to Moscow, if the invitation were accepted, would be chosen from the winners of the AAU Championships in Dayton, Ohio, starting on June 21.

Mr. Ferris said that the question of whether to issue a return invitation for a Soviet team to visit the U.S. also would be discussed by AAU members.

The Russian invitation had been extended for three days, beginning on July 12, Mr. Ferris added.—Reuter.

Three Polo Teams To Visit England This Season

London, Apr. 16.
India is among the three foreign countries to send powerful polo teams to England for the forthcoming season. It was announced here today.

Argentina and Jamaica are the other two countries.

Award of the strong overseas competition, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who will be playing with the English team, has started training on the lawns of Windsor Castle.—France-Press.

WEIGHTLIFTING RECORD

Moscow, Apr. 15.
Soviet weightlifting champion Raul Khabudzhinov broke his own world lightweight record for a two-hand press with 125 kilogrammes. It was announced here today.

His previous record was 123 kilogrammes.—France-Press.

Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 16.
Results of football matches played tonight were:

DIVISION I

Burnley 2, Aston Villa 1.

Wolves 5, West Brom. 0.

DIVISION II

Notts Forest 8, West Ham. 0.

DIV. III (SOUTH)

Southend 3, Q. P. Rangers 0.

DIV. III (NORTH)

Hilfax 0, Gateshead 1.

Mansfield 2, Wellington 0.

Tranmere 4, Bradford City 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I

Raith Rovers 2, Kilmarnock 2.

Division II

Arbroath 2, Grimsby Town. 0.

Tn. Lanark 2, Dundee U. 3.

—Reuter.

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Police Want More
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Truce Officials
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permission today to increase the
guard at the hotel where
junior truce commission officials
live, as a result of the stay
of Canadian diplomat, Lucien
Cannon.

Police told the management
of the Continental Hotel they
wanted to station officers inside
the building where junior
Canadian, Polish and Indian
truce commission officials live.
The measure is an added
security precaution. Police are
already posted outside the hotel
which also serves the general
public.

Police guards were increased
over the weekend at the com-
pound where the 38-year-old
Cannon was stabbed to death
on April 12. This is the home of
senior officials of the international
control commission, which supervises
the Indo-China truce. —United Press.

SEE-SAW OF JORDAN POLITICS

Country's Future Depends On The Situation In Syria And Egypt

By RUSSELL THOMAS

The decision of Jordan to exchange ambassadors with the Soviet Union, followed a few days later by the resignation of Suleiman Nabulsi's government, highlights the see-saw drama of politics now being played in Jordan.

That Dr Hussein Fakhr Khalidi has been asked to form a new government suggests the King's anti-Communist policy will be pursued. Suleiman Nabulsi nearly resigned when the question of recognising the Soviet Union first met a cool reception from King Hussein. Near crisis reigned in Amman for some days but at the crucial point General Ali Abu Nawar, Commander of the Jordan Arab Army and architect of the coup d'Etat which dismissed Glubb Pasha, intervened. After a meeting with the King and a two-hour emergency session of the Leftist Jordan Cabinet, Nabulsi emerged smiling to say: "All is well." The decision to recognise Russia was announced.

Now, once again, it seems that something has gone wrong. What apparently happened during the first of these crises was that the King had resisted the decision for some days but was persuaded, in the interests of internal stability, it was better to yield to the government. He did so, but on condition that recognition of Russia would not exclude the acceptance of Western aid. Nabulsi told the Egyptian news agency, M.E.N., that Jordan would take aid from either East or West. But he added, significantly—and the King is hardly likely to welcome this addition—that Jordan would not be unfriendly to Russia for the sake of Western policy.

But East bank and West bank alike have lived continuously on charity, for the country has little natural wealth either in minerals or agricultural produce. It has an adverse balance of trade of nearly ten to one. It was artificially created after the last World War to provide a throne for the great old Hashemite King Abdullah and has been kept until this very month by funds remitted from Britain.

At the outset King Hussein wanted subventions from Iraq as well as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia to replace the British subsidy. But owing to the sharp division in Arab politics between Egypt and Iraq this proved impossible. Reluctantly, and under pressure from his own nationalists, and above all in deference to the politicians of the West bank who are now a dominant influence, he agreed to take the money from the anti-Iraqi faction.

This question of aid must be seen against the background of Jordan's geography. It is almost entirely devoid with limited dry farming on sparsely watered slopes of the hills. Nearly half its population are refugees from Palestine, crowded

Nation's Policy

In its simplest form, Jordan policy comes down to this. The King is a nationalist with strong reservations about Egyptian policy and the trustworthiness of Russian intentions in the Middle East. But his government supports the King to the hilt, the policy of President Nasser. They came together in their desire to emancipate themselves from the ties of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty and the King went with the government in accepting the promise of a £12,500,000 subsidy from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria to replace the financial aid formerly given by Britain.

But he has reservations about the ability of Syria and Egypt to pay the £7,500,000 which constitutes their share of the subsidy. For that reason he has kept the door open to aid from the USA and to the British development subsidies which fall outside the old treaty. He stimulated an anti-Communist campaign and, over the heads of his government, took administrative action through the Ministry of Interior to stop the distribution of Tass bulletins and Communist literature in Jordan. More recently he sent the chief of the Royal Cabinet to Syria to advise the Syrian President to curb the pro-Communist activities of his government.

His policy has been greatly resented by his own Cabinet Ministers, and the demand for the recognition of Soviet Russia was in a sense a challenge to the King and a trial of strength. That temporary victory was short-lived but the tension remains, now more acute than ever.

The latter group are prepared to agree that neutrality is a policy worth trying but they believe also that Egypt is losing its independent position by becoming too dependent economically and politically on the Soviet bloc. They contend that their own government's slavish imitation of Egyptian policy will produce even graver results for Jordan, because the refugee camps are a natural breeding-place for Communist subversion and the country's economic weakness leaves it vulnerable to Egyptian policy.

Left And Right

In this situation, it is a curious fact that the Saudi Arabian King, after a life-time of opposition to the Hashemite Royal Family of Jordan, is rapidly becoming a balancing factor. Although Saudi is committed to the Egyptian-Syrian axis, he has joined with Camille Chamoun, the anti-Communist President of Lebanon and supporter of the Eisenhower Doctrine, in a statement against international communism. King Saud himself has rebuffed Soviet arms and Soviet aid; he has one foot in the Egyptian camp and one foot firmly in the Western camp from which he derives his oil revenue.

There is little doubt that when King Hussein sent the chief of the Royal Cabinet to Syria he

BELGRADE WORKERS' NIGHT CLUBS ARE IN THE RED

By JOHN EARLE

Belgrade, Apr. 15.

The few "night clubs" in the Yugoslav capital are running into financial difficulties and the workers' collectives who run them are discussing what to do about it.

The city of half a million inhabitants has limited night life to offer in the Western sense of the term.

Two bars, the Kristal and Lotos, present cabarets and stay open until three or four o'clock in the morning. A third bar, with dancing only, is operated in its basement, by one of the main hotels, the Metropol, and from the shop of the room is popularly known as the "snake pit".

Like all commercial firms and economic enterprises in Yugoslavia, Kristal and Lotos are run by their workers' collectives through their workers' councils, with the day to day executive management in the hands of a director who is appointed by the municipality.

Losses

During a nine-month period, Lotos found that its losses amounted to 620,000 dinars (£738) and Kristal to 2,700,000 dinars (£3,220).

These losses were registered despite the fact that the staff in both, in an effort to reduce costs, had accepted cuts on their earnings ranging from 20 per cent to 40 per cent. Prices were also, on the average, 16 per cent above last year's, while the margin of profit on a drink was 500 per cent.

One proposal under discussion is that fewer foreign artists should be engaged for the cabaret, because they require much higher payment than Yugoslavs.

While Lotos mainly relied on Kristal throughout 1956 engaged foreign artists for its twice monthly programmes, thinking that there would attract many more customers. Most of the artists came from Italy, West Germany and Austria, with a few from Eastern European countries, like Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

The Kristal management was criticised in the press because

of the high club standards.

But in Yugoslavia, where the average monthly salary is only 12,000 dinars (about £14.60), many customers would not come at all if prices were higher.

People in Belgrade seldom go out and spend money freely, except, perhaps, on January 13, New Year's Eve, under the old calendar still used by the Serbian Orthodox Church.

The Yugoslav Government, unlike the authorities in Poland, Hungary, or Czechoslovakia, recognises neither Christmas nor Church festivals. The mid-winter holiday here is officially celebrated on January 1 and 2. (By the "new" calendar—China Mail Special.)

Thorneycroft With The Budget



Taken outside 11 Downing Street last Tuesday, this picture shows the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, accompanied by his wife leaving for the House of Commons to present his Budget. —Reuterphoto.

Frau Krupp Files Hotel Fraud Suit

Los Angeles, Apr. 15. The former wife of the German munitions czar, Alfred Krupp, today filed a million-dollar fraud suit in Superior Court over her investment in the New Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Frau Vera Krupp, 47, brought the action against 47 defendants involved in financing of both the old Last Frontier Hotel and its successor, the New Frontier. She charged that the hotel's promoters induced Louis

Mancho, on whom she relied for advice, to persuade her to invest in the New Frontier.

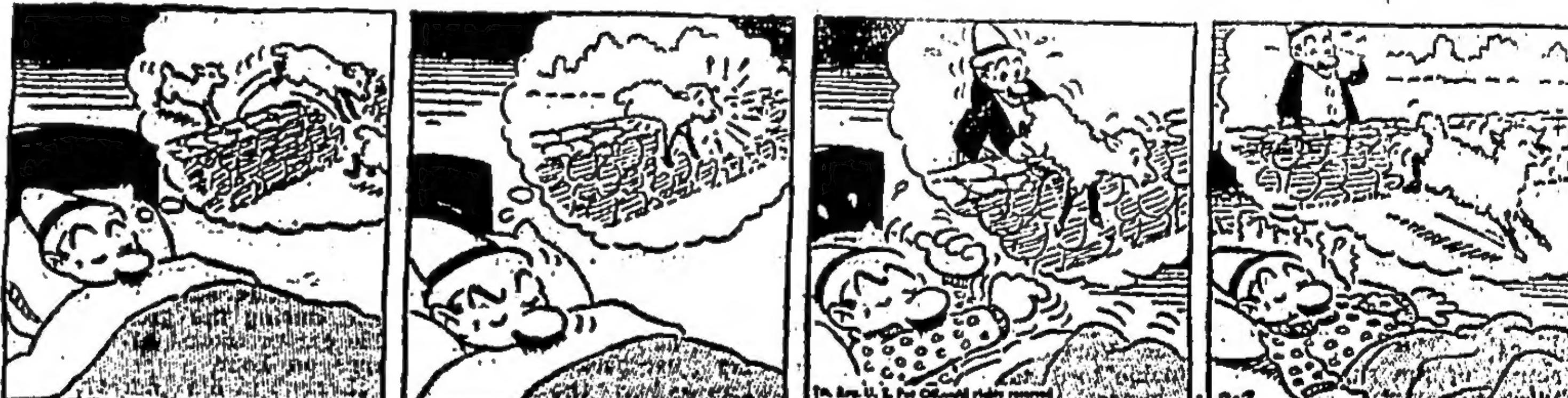
The suit contended that she advanced \$185,000 and that the defendants planned to have her invest \$250,000 more.

She contended that this was designed to place her in a position where she would have to take over the hotel with all its liabilities to protect her investment. As a result of this, the suit charged, she has been besieged by the hotel's creditors and by the Federal Government for taxes. —United Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



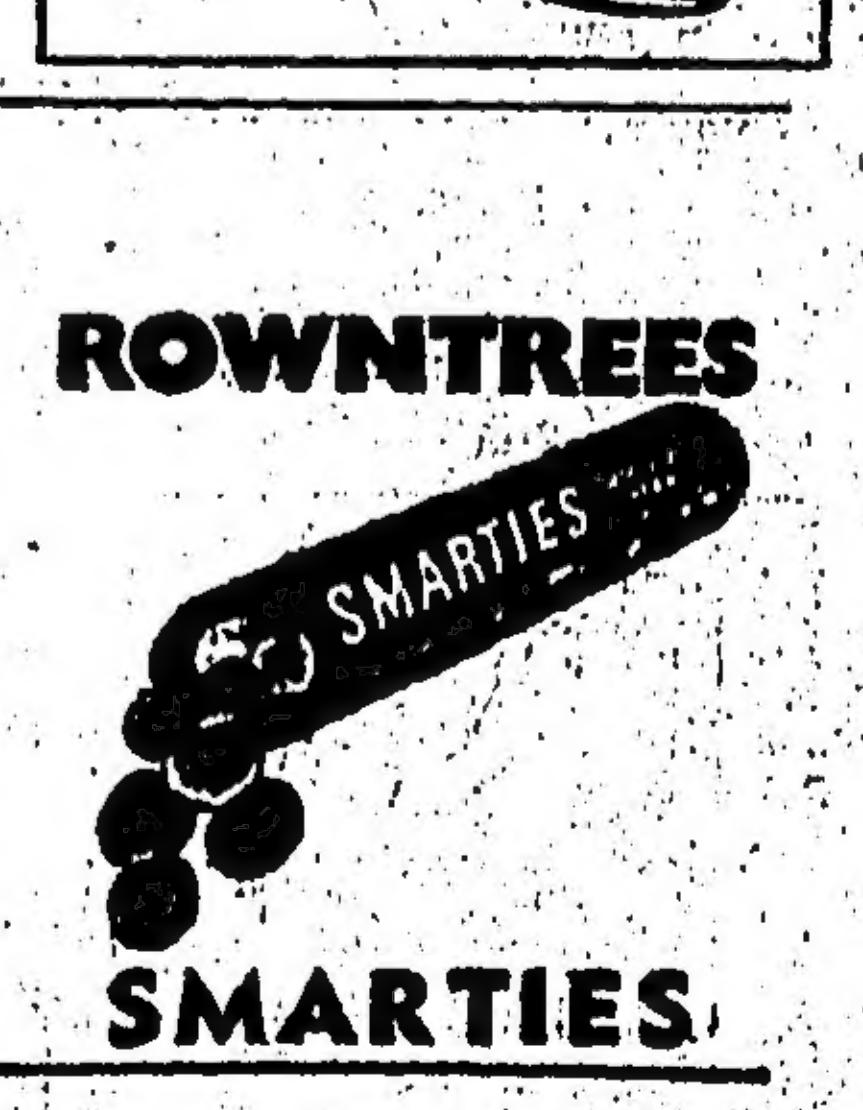
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

BUDGET PROPOSALS ANALYSED

Liquidation On
New York
Cotton Market

*Nothing To Encourage
Industrial Output
Nor Curb Inflation*

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Apr. 15. At a press conference immediately after the Budget speech, American correspondents asked Mr Enoch Powell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, how he would sum up the Budget for a newspaper headline.

Mr Powell thought for a moment and said: "It would depend on which newspaper I was writing it for."

Next morning newspaper readers took their pick from the following:

"A little bit off the top" —
Daily Mail.
"The top brass Budget" —
News Chronicle.
"It means more for those with meat" —
Daily Herald.
"Cheat 'em up Budget" —
Daily Mirror.
"Pete's pop bills" —
Daily Sketch.
"The pet ahead Budget" —
Daily Express.
"Relief for earned incomes over £2,000" —
Daily Telegraph.

Whatever it was, it was not a Budget to arouse deep passions. Chancellor Thorneycroft decided what he would do and went ahead and did it. If his Budget appeared to be the work of a Tory, it is because it was a Tory. At least he resisted the temptation to catch votes.

In he had been inclined to take risks. Mr Thorneycroft could have produced a popular Budget. Reduced Government expenditure and raising revenue gave hope of a £2,000 million ordinary surplus in the Budget accounts before the tax changes. A weaker Chancellor might have decided to "give away" more than a mere £100 million of this in tax reliefs. He could certainly have distributed them differently.

The Mass

But Mr Thorneycroft concentrated on helping the upper middle-class—those who earn £2,000 a year and over. The mass of the people got very little indeed. A third of what they are supposed to save because of lower purchase tax on household goods will go to pay the higher cost of television licences. Nor are they likely to save much on the higher income tax allowances for older children. Many—possibly even most—working-class men who qualify for this relief do not earn enough to pay income tax in any case.

These criticisms have of course been made—and made vehemently—by the Socialists. But they miss the point of what Mr Thorneycroft was trying to do. In giving a quarter of all tax reliefs to the surface payer, he was not only taking long overdue action to end a little of the load from the heaviest taxed community in the world—he was also displaying good economic sense.

"Our objective is opportunity and expansion," said Mr Thorneycroft. "A tax system which offers the minimum inducement to those with the maximum responsibility is inconsistent with this aim. The starting point for surface represents the income range of the very men whose activities and decisions do most to determine our rate of economic expansion. In their hands rests for good or ill much of the future of the national economy."

But given the amount of which it was deemed prudent to reduce the prospective surplus question is not whether this was the right place to concentrate personal tax reliefs but whether there should have been any personal tax reliefs at all. "Give Away"

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollars (per £1) 6.21

Australian notes (per £1) 10.42

Spot (cents per £1, cts NY) 12.65

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 18.00

Singapore (Straits) 1.25

Open interest: 3,324 contracts—United Press.

WORLD
RUBBER
MARKETS

New York, Apr. 15. Recent rubber contract closed today 35 to 50 points lower with sales of 40 contracts.

May 31.20
July 31.70
Sept. 31.45
Nov. 31.25
Jan. 31.30
Mar. 31.30
May 30.65
Standard contract closed 35 to 50 points lower with no sales.

May 31.75
July 31.70
Sept. 31.45
Nov. 31.20
Mar. 31.75

Lower London, Singapore

advice, plus the continued in-

difference of domestic consumers and liquidation before the

passover and succeeding Easter

weekend holidays helped the

traders. Most of the limited busi-

ness represented intra-dealer

adjustments. Shipments were

moderate but prices too high to

interest local buyers. Spot No. 4

Rubber quoted at 31.75 cents.

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was easier.

Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cf May as follows:

No. 1 rubber 2.62 buyers

No. 2 rubber 2.65 buyers

No. 3 rubber 2.67 buyers

No. 1 crepe 2.60 buyers

Passive Resistance

There were several useful economic purposes to which the £200 million of tax reliefs could have been put. Mr Thorneycroft decided to concentrate it on relieving surface payers, elderly income tax payers and tax-paying parents of older children—all for sound economic reasons. Once he had decided on this the reduction in the purchase tax on "pots and pans" followed as a political "must."

Admittedly it was unnecessary to produce a "purt" budget that took away more than it gave. But Mr Thorneycroft should have designed his Budget proposals to encourage industry to make itself more efficient.

As it is we have a Budget that is politically honest and financially sound but one that has failed economically to put first things first.

Danger is that Government may have given up trying to wage active war against inflation and resorted to passive resistance.—London Express Service.

Steels Active
On London
Market

London, Apr. 15. Steel shares featured the London Stock Exchange today.

Shipping shares had selective increases. Elsewhere in the industrials there were numerous 5% declines. Royal Dutch lost 6/- and Shell Transport was off 2 shillings.

Government bonds were weak.

A fresh exodus from the governments lowered War Loan 10/- and Old Consols some 7 shillings.

Japanese issues were firm in the foreign bond section.—United Press.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

The Family
Man

THEIR was no bed for James at the hostel. "I've told you," the hostel porter said again, "you can't have a bed here. James started to storm and shout. A policeman was called, who manoeuvred him into the street, and told him of an institution where a bed would be found for him.

James turned his back on the officer, crossed the street, marched up to a telephone box, looked in a pane of glass and waited for the policeman to arrest him.

TWO DAYS WORK

NEXT morning James a dark, strong-looking man of 42, pleaded guilty to doing 10s. worth of wilful damage to the kiosk, and the policeman told his story to Sir Laurence Dunn, the chief magistrate.

"This man came from Birmingham to London eight years ago," the policeman said. "He is married and has five children. Four of them are in the care of the local authority, the other is with the mother."

"Does he not work?" asked Sir Laurence.

"He worked regularly until June 1956," the policeman went on, "then he went into hospital until October. He's only had two days work since then."

IF YOU WERE HELPED

SIR LAURENCE turned to James. "What did you go to hospital for?" he asked.

"Alcoholism," James said blankly.

"Have you got over it?"

"I'd do my very best," James answered more bleakly still.

"If you are helped to get a job, would you hold it down?" asked Sir Laurence.

"I'd do very best," James said.

"Very well, I shall discharge you conditionally, and you must pay 10s. compensation. If you want help go to the probation officer. I hope to goodness you'll take a pull on yourself, and get a job and maintain yourself and your family."

"I'll try," James said, and he went away, troubled and despairing, a man who had run out of all illusions about himself.

Back From Trip
To Japan

Mr J. K. Swire, Chairman of John Swire and Sons, Limited, London, accompanied by Mrs Swire, returned to the Colony in the ss *Santonia* from a three-week business trip to Japan. Mr and Mrs Swire arrived here from London two months ago.

SIDE GLANCES



These pictures taken by our staff photographer this morning show crowds queuing up for treatment outside Kwong Wah oil no (above) and Kowloon Hospital outpatient clinic (below).

FLU HITS TRAMS AND BUSES

Chinese Papers Say More Than 200,000 Stricken

CLINICS BESIEGED

Thousands of people again lined up outside public hospitals and clinics to get treatment for influenza this morning amid speculation by Chinese newspapers that as many as 200,000 and 400,000 people were victims of the outbreak that is sweeping not only Hongkong, but Macao and Canton.

Hongkong Probe Into NZ Racket

POLICE TO MAKE INQUIRIES

BIG ST JOHN GROUP ON WAY TO SINGAPORE

A group of 120 members of the St John Ambulance Brigade of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya, who went in the ss *Santonia* on a tour to Japan, returned this morning on their way home.

The group, led by Mr T. A. S. Nathan, Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Kuala Lumpur District, included 30 women nurses and members of hospital staffs.

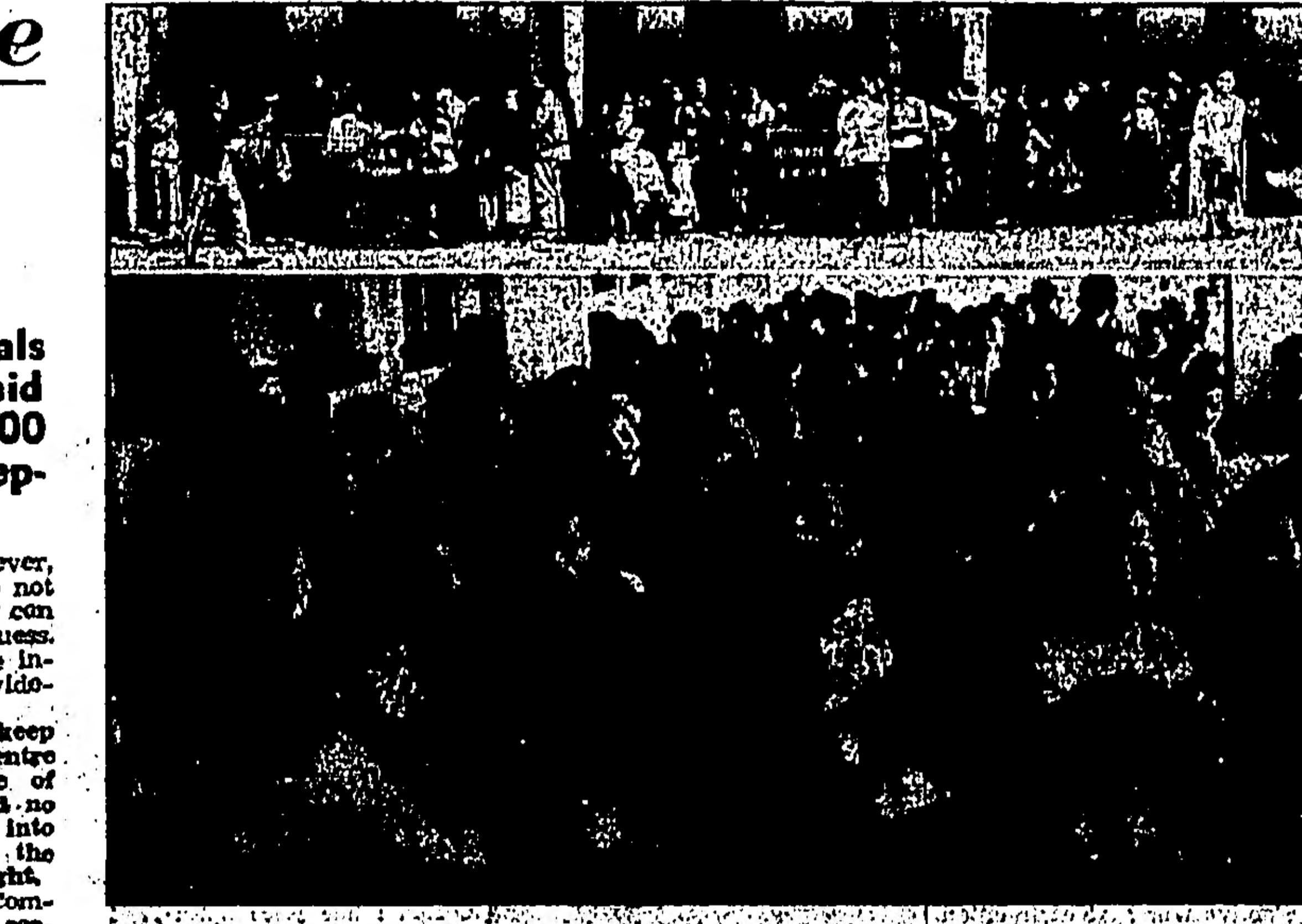
They left by the mv *Tai Loy* for a tour of Macao in the afternoon and will return tomorrow morning to resume their homeward voyage.

By Galbraith



"I'll bet the landlord won't paint or redecorate the house now—he was here today talking about the fine old rooms he saw on his trip to Europe!"

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NEW YORK TRADE FAIR SPECIAL

HONGKONG MAKES A 'TREMENDOUS HIT'

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Apr. 15. The Hongkong exhibit of nearly 1,000 selected products is making a "tremendous" hit with thousands of visitors, including buyers from all parts of the United States, at the U.S. World Trade Fair which got underway yesterday.

"We are astonished at the interest shown by the American trade," said Mr Bryan Barlow, assistant Director of Commerce and Industry of the Hongkong Government.

"The response has been tremendous," noted Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, director of the Hongkong Trade Office in London who is heading the ten-man Hongkong delegation to the Fair.

The products of about 60 nations are on display at New York's giant Coliseum in what has been described as the largest international trade show ever assembled in the Western Hemisphere. Over 8,000 exhibitors are represented, attractively organised in the ornate four floors of the exhibition Palace.

Two Shifts

The Hongkong exhibit, which includes about 1,000 items, tastefully screened for quality and suitability in the U.S. market by government and manufacturer committees, was among the busiest today.

"A staff of men working in two shifts, was deluged with inquiries from interested buyers representing all types of retail and wholesale outlets from all parts of the United States,"

Chinese newspapers are claiming a tie-up between H-bomb tests in Russia and the Pacific and the influenza by blaming nuclear tests for influenza weather conditions which, it turns, are blamed for spreading the virus.

"We are very satisfied with the way everything has gone for us during the first two days," Mr Grimwood told the United Press. "We think this will mean thousands and thousands of new sales for our manufacturers. Not only that, but we feel the fair should open up new markets to more centrally located parts of the United States.

Astonished

"We are particularly gratified with the interest shown by buyers both from the standpoint of quality as well as from the standpoint of price."

Mr Barlow estimated that he would have received from 300 to 400 inquiries concerning deliveries and shipment data by the end of the day. These inquiries, he explained, are being forwarded to the various Hongkong manufacturers whose products have been selected for presentation in the United States from about 3,500 Hongkong factories.

"We are astonished at the interest shown by the American trade and we supplied the information where we could and asked these people, if at all possible, to ask their department or retail stores to stock these items if they were not already doing so," said Mr Barlow.

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HOW POLICE IDENTIFIED TSUN WAN RIOTERS

The Judge and Special Jury trying 14 men charged with rioting at Tsun Wan last October this morning visited the Chatham Road detention camp, where the Police identification parades had been held.

The accused, who are on trial before Mr Justice C. W. Beece at the Criminal Sessions, are Fung Kam, Shan Yan-kit, Tong Ho-choung, Lau Yee-oi, Wong Ho, Mok Ming, Cheuk Lim-chang, Chan Fat-kan, Chan Wing-kan, Chan Kwing, Wu Kan-sang, Cheng Ying-tung, Ma Man-kit and Leung Yam-ming.

Mr W. S. Collier and Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Detective Inspector P. J. Clancy.

Mr H. L. Au is defending the second and seventh accused, instructed by P. H. Sia and Co. Sub-inspector T. Ross this morning testified, after the visit to Chatham Road camp, that from October 22 to 29 he conducted seven separate identification parades at the camp.

The Procedure

Explaining the procedure of the parades, Sub-Inspector Ross said the suspects were brought into one of the blocks. The number of suspects varied from 42 to 102.

Each witness, he continued, was brought to the identification room separately and the purpose of the parade was explained to him.

The witness, he said, walked around the room, followed by Sub-Inspector Ross and an interpreter. When an identification was made, it was recorded.

The witness would identify a suspect by placing his hand on the person's shoulder or by pointing at him.

This procedure was carried out throughout all the parades, Sub-Inspector Ross said.

Hearing is proceeding.

Mail Notices

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
10 a.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 3 p.m.
Norfolk, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Australia, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Hawaii, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
10 a.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 8 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 p.m.
North Borneo, 4 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

5:30 p.m. Time for Children presented by Elizabeth, 6. Time Signal Programme Summary, 6.02 "Round the World"—India, 6.30, "Bandstand," The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, 6.45 "The Light on Song," Show Tunes that Longer, Harold Coates Vocals and Orchestra, 7.30, "Last Hearing," presented by Alex Barlow, 7.35, Weather Report, 8.00, "The Man They Were," 8.04, "Commentary or Stop," Press Item, 8.15, The Man They Remained—Karl Hardie—Personal Recollections, 8.30, "The Music Makers—Trout Quintet in A Major," Op. 11 (For Piano and Strings), (Schubert), 8.45, "Shack Holman," Sir Arthur C. Cook, Duxbury, (Episode 14), 9.45, "Letter from America" by Alastair Cooke, 10, Ted Heath and His Band, with Bobbie Gentry, 10.15, "The Golden Book at Your Bedside," "Gold Leaf Farm," by Billa Gibbons, read by Audrey Menden, Episode 17, 10.45, "Weather Report," 11.15, "The Signal Radio News," 11.30, "Close Down."

REDFUSION

5 p.m. Variety "Call the Tune," 5.30, Matinee, 6.30, "Partners in Crime," 7.15, "The Story of Botha Carter," 8.15, "The Time Honored," 8.30, "Vocally Yours," 9.30, "The Big Show," 10, "Hans Crosby," 10.15, "Children's Corner," 10.30, "The Weather Report," 10.45, "The Mystery," 11.15, "I Love a Mystery," 12.30, "Kendall's Corner," presented by Michael Kendall, 9, "Interlude for Music," 9.15, "Sherlock Holmes," by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, 10, "Moods in Music," 10.15, "Johnny Smith's Quintet," 10, "The Golden Hall," 11.15, "The Weather Report," 11.30, "Close Down."